GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service - Registration and Stamps Department – Surprise check conducted on 09.09.2019 on the Joint Sub-Registrar Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District - Allegation of corruption & criminal misconduct against the staff of S.R.O Office, Gajuwaka – Common Disciplinary Action initiated - Case entrusted to COI – Article of Charges issued – Case withdrawn from the COI – Appointment of Inquiry Authority - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1254 **Dated: 14-10-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, C.No.44/DES-WVP/2019 -S.11, Dated.20.05.2021.
2. G.O.Ms.No.188, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dt.23.07.2021.
3. G.O.Ms.No.189, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dt.23.07.2021.
4. G.O.Rt.No.429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dt.16.05.2024.
5. From Commissioner and Inspector General of R&S A.P., Tadepalli, Lr.No.Vig3/5886/2019, dt:20.07.2024 along with WSDs received from the (09) charged officers.
6. Orders dated 01.08.2025 of the Hon'ble High Court in WP.No.19788 of 2025 filed by Smt. D. Revathi, Sub Registrar Gr.-II, .

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Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the common disciplinary action have been initiated against Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub Registrar and 7 others O/o the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka by entrusting case to the Commissionerate of Inquiries and permission was accorded to initiate disciplinary action against Sri P. Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar (Retd), O/o. the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka vide reference 3rd read above. Article of Charges have been issued against all the 9 Officers in the reference 4th read above and they have submitted their written statement of defence in the reference 5th read above.

2. In the reference 6th read above, the Hon’ble High Court has directed the Respondent-1 to appoint Enquiry Officer and Presenting Officer as required under APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 forthwith and shall ensure that the enquiry shall be concluded within a period of six (06) months.

3. After careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the orders dt.01.08.2025 in WP No.19788 of 2025 of the Hon’ble High Court, Government hereby decided to appoint Sri G.Balakrishna, DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer to inquiry into the Charges framed against Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub Registrar and 7 others O/o. the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka, duly withdrawing the case from Commissionerate of Inquiries and also against Sri P. Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar (Retd), O/o. the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka

4. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, the Government hereby appoints Sri G.Balakrishna,

DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer to conduct an inquiry into the charges framed against Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub Registrar and 7 others O/o. the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka, duly withdrawing the case from Commissionerate of Inquiries and also against Sri P. Someswara Rao, Sub-Registrar (Retd), O/o. the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka and ensure that the inquiry is conducted expeditiously and the report submitted to the Government within 90 days.

5. The Inquiry Authority is instructed to complete the inquiry within 90 days and submit a detailed report to the Government, to avoid further legal complications.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYA LAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
Sri G.Balakrishna, DIG, R&S, Visakhapatnam, and Inquiry Authority (w.e. i.e. AoCs and WSDs of COs).
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to nominate Presenting Officer)
Copy to:
The individuals (through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, A.P., Tadepalli)
The General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
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SECTION OFFICER